

**Minutes
Emergency Medical Services
Council**

Date: APRIL 18, 2008
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540-A
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Bobrow, Chairman
Sgt. Martyn Fink
Paul Coe
Taylor Payson
Rodney Reed
John Gallagher
Michael Ward
Janine Anderson
Mark Venuti
Kurt Krumperman
Robert Ramsey
Stewart Hamilton
David Ridings
Charlie Smith
Jeff Daniel
Gene McDaniels
Jerry Stein
Ronalee Quarles
Mike Duran
Coy Amerson

ATTENDANCE BY TELECONFERENCE:

Roy Ryals
Marcia Berry

RESPONSIBLE ADHS STAFF:

Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief
Ed Armijo
Joel Bunis
Vicki Conditt
Maria Herbert
Angie Cauthon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Hagerty
Daniel Spaite
Barbara Schaffer
Scott Peterson
Dale Woodridge
Mike Evans
Misty Cisneros
Thelma Brandon-Davis

1.) CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Ben Bobrow, Chair called the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:31 a.m.

2.) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

Dr. Ben Bobrow asks for motion to approve minutes of September 21, 2007. Coy Amerson stated that he was present. Dr. John Gallagher made a motion to approve with changes and Charlie Smith second. Motion is approved.

3.) REPORTS

a.) Chairman's Report

Dr. Ben Bobrow, Chairman announced two special guests that will be presenting at the State Lab at 1:00, Greg Margolis, Associate Director from the National Registry for EMTs and George Hatch, Executive Director of Commission on Accreditation of EMS Program. Their presentation will provide an update on national efforts to establish procedures for the testing and certification of EMTs under the new classification system, efforts to credential paramedic training program and update/revise the current DOT National Standard Curricula to an Educational Standards format. Dr. Ben Bobrow mentioned that the Lay Member position from the Northern Region was vacant. Dr. Ben Bobrow notified the group that Chief Bobby Ruiz has been nominated to replace Chief Mike Duran and that Joe Gibson has been nominated to represent AEMS. Both nominations are being processed by the Governor's office.

b.) Bureau Chief's Report

(i.) Re-activation of Rules Sub-committee.

Terry Mullins, Chief, ADHS Bureau of EMS and Trauma System, discussed that the EMS Council Rules Sub-committee has not been active for a while and suggested that this was an appropriate opportunity to revitalize the Rule Sub-committee, revise the bylaws, and update the membership. The Bureau is nearing completion of a preliminary analysis of a rule packet and would like to task the subcommittee with moving them forward. Mark Venuti, Chair of the Rules Sub-committee will work with Terry Mullins to accomplish this task.

4.) DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a.)

(i.) Discussion on forming a sub-committee that would be tasked with disaster preparedness.

Kurt Krumperman has been nominated and has agreed to be the chair person for that committee. He will contact the Bureau, specifically, Maria Herbert, Rules Analyst, for assistance to establish membership and the by-laws. Kurt Krumperman will prepare a draft to submit for the next meeting for review.

ii.) Call for the development of and participation in an “expert panel” to review national initiatives on EMT levels, education standards and paramedic training program accreditation.

Terry Mullins asked that the EMS Council create a standing subcommittee within EMS Council that would be jointly chaired by at least EMS Council and MDC to analyze the national initiatives alluded to by Dr. Ben Bobrow in his opening comments. Terry Mullins continued that this short term committee would also assist in developing potential strategies to responding to the national initiatives. Terry Mullins asked for a formal vote from this group to set up as standing subcommittee and identify chair(s). A motion to establish the standing subcommittee was made by Dr. John Gallagher and second by Rod Reed. Dr. John Gallagher, Chief Ruiz and Janine Anderson volunteered to serve as co-chairs. The committee is tasked with developing a consensus response for Arizona to the national initiatives. Terry is seeking a formal vote to establish the co-chairs. Motion to approve was made by Dr. John Gallagher and second by Charlie Smith. Motion is approved.

(iii) Approval of draft protocol “Transport of Cardiac Arrest Patients to Cardiac Arrest Center” guidance document.

Dr Ben Bobrow presented the draft guideline document. Some discussion on the increasing amount of litigation lead to a suggestion by Terry Mullins that this document be included in the Statewide Care Guidelines currently being drafted by BEMSTS and that specific language be incorporated into the packet identifying the contents as guidance documents developed as a resource for medical directors and regional EMS councils as they establish specific protocols for their services. A motion to approve was made by Mark Venuti and second by Dr. Michael Ward. Motion is approved.

b) (i) Approval of Easy I.O. Curriculum

Janine Anderson presented this guidance document that, if approved, will be put on the website for anybody to utilize if they so choose. Janine Anderson makes a motion to approve and second by Mark Venuti. Motion is approved.

(ii.) Consideration of request to amend R9-25-304 (E)(1)(a)&(b) and R9-25-304 (E)(3) and R9-25-304 (E)(8)

Jerry Stein presented background on his request to amend these rules. Terry Mullins presented the

Bureau's recommendation that with the exception of R9-25-304 E (3) the Bureau did not oppose the changes made by Jerry Stein. The Bureau feels that picture ID for examination or test challenge purposes was important. Mark Venuti made a motion to revise the rules by removing R9-25-304 (E)(1)(a)&(b) and R9-25-304 (E)(8), second by Charlie Smith. Motion is approved.

c) (i) **Discussion to amend R9-25-501 and R9-25-503, administer, train, test, and document training, etc., of EMT-I, EMT-P on the administration of tuberculin PPD**

Maria Herbert, BEMTS Rules Analyst, presented the draft rules document. Charlie Smith makes motion to approve and second by Dr. John Gallagher. Motion is approved

(ii) **Discussion to amend R-9-25-503, Table 1 to remove the classification "anti-emetic", add Ondansetron (Zofran), add tuberculin PPD, add immunization agents**

Maria Herbert presented the draft rule document, Joel Bunis, BEMSTS Section Chief, provided an explanation of the changes. Motion to approve made by Charlie Smith and second by Taylor Payson. Motion is approved.

(iii) **Consideration of request to allow EMT-Bs to administer influenza vaccinations:**

Dr. John Gallagher presented the document (**handout – see attached document**) and provided an overview of the request. Terry Mullins brought to the committee's attention that any pilot program must be approved by the Director of ADHS and then discussed the potential for regulatory difficulties associated with allowing a component of the EMT community to act at a level exceeding of the approved scope of practice. He also indicated that this request for authorization to allow an EMT to act outside of the EMT Scope of Practice is problematic as it is occurring at a time of transition as the Bureau begins its work to formulate the response to National initiatives dealing with an EMS provider certification and education. Dr. John Gallagher makes a motion to approve and second by Charlie Smith. Motion is approved.

(iv.) **Approval of revised Epinephrine HCL drug profile:**

Dr John Gallagher presented the document and commented that it was approved by MDC with one change:

Original - Croup: 3mg 1: 1,000 mixed in 3 mL NS via SVN

Revised – Croup:

For children < five years of age: 2.5 mg 1: 1,000 mixed in 3 mL NS via SVN.

For children > = five years of age: 5 mg. 1: 1,000 mixed in 3 mL NS via SVN.

Dr John Gallagher made a motion to approve the document with the changes, second by Charlie Smith. Motion is approved.

d.) **Items for January 18, 2008 Medical Direction Committee**

Meeting Cancelled. No quorum

e.) **Review and approve pediatric guidelines (1) Heat Exposure, (2) Shortness of Breath**

(i.) Dr. John Gallagher presented the documents and reported that the guidelines were forwarded at the

request of the P.A.C.E.S. Committee and approved by MDC. Dr. John Gallagher makes a motion to approve these guidelines, second by Charlie Smith. Motion is approved

(ii.) Discussion of age 14 as the upper limit for the definition of pediatric:

Dr John Gallagher commented that this item was amended at the MDC meeting, approving age 14 being the upper limit for the definition of Pediatric *Trauma*. Dr. John Gallagher made a motion to approve and second by Charlie Smith. Motion is approved

f.) Approval of Revised LMA Curriculum:

- (i.)** Janine Anderson presented the document and walked the group through changes she identified before the meeting. Janine Anderson makes motion to approve the document with changes, second by Mark Venuti. Motion is approved.

g.) Discussion of HB-2365 implementation:

- (i.)** Terry Mullins presented the document and discussed methods for implementing the bill if it is signed by the Governor. Bob Ramsey discussed his feeling that amending this statute would not achieve the appropriate result and may make future enforcement more difficult. He asked the Bureau to consider his comment and consider them in potential future legislative actions.

5.) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING SYSTEMS REPORTS

- a. STAB:** Vicki Conditt, BEMSTS Trauma Section Chief reported on drafting a Quality Assurance Process Plan and efforts to increase the number of hospitals seeking to become designated trauma centers.
- b. Education Sub-Committee:** Janine Anderson reported that the group has been working on the two documents approved today, a curriculum template, and additional documents are in process, including Auto-vent and CPAP curricula. The Education Subcommittee next meets on May 15, 2008.
- c. Regional Emergency Medical Councils**

- (i.) NAEMS:** Paul Coe reports, See attached link for report



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(ii.) WACEMS:

Rodney Reed reports that the next WACEMS meeting will be May 8, 2008 in Lake Havasu at the Hampton Inn. This is the annual meeting with awards. Elections will be held for the offices of President and Secretary. Provider assistance was done in March 2008, \$120,000.00 in request, did a little bit more education reimbursement policy. AED's have been purchased with GRANT monies and the AED project is underway.

- (iii.) AEMS:** Joe Gibson reports. See attached link for report



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6.) SAEMS: Taylor Payson reports. See attached link for report



DHS REPORT
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7.) CALL TO PUBLIC

- (i.) A question was asked about a bill that would allow the legislators to utilize proposition approved funding for a purpose other than intended. Discussion ensues.

8.) SUMMARY OF EVENTS

No Response. None to report

9.) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2008

10.) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes Approved by EMS Council September 19, 2008